



Ridgeway Weekly Update

Friday 18th October

This Week:

- Unfortunately we have had to make a change to the times that we open the gates at the end of the day. The gate off the main road will be opened at 3.15pm and the jitty gate will be opened at 3.20 to allow the children time to get back into school from assembly. I appreciate that this is 5 minutes later than usual, but it is necessary to ensure the safety of the children. Thank you for your understanding.
- We were delighted to welcome Mr Simpson, our new Learning Mentor, as the newest member of the Ridgeway team this week. Mrs Morris has visited to help him get settled in too, so you may have seen her around school on Tuesday! Mr Simpson will be on the Class 6 & 7 door at the start of the day.
- Thank you to everyone who was able to come along to our Fine Motor Development workshop with Mrs Jeffery today. I hope you found the session useful and informative.
- Thank you to everyone who has already brought in Aldi stickers for our Team GB Poster. The collection poster is filling up nicely! Please send in any Aldi stickers before the end of October so we can qualify for a free sports kit and hopefully a chance of winning £20,000!
- If you shop with www.TheBookPeople.co.uk there is an easy way in which you can donate books to our school at no cost to you. For every £10 spent, The Book People will donate £1 to our school to spend on books. Simply select Ridgeway Infant School from the drop down menu at the checkout. Thank you 😊
- We are desperate for volunteers in school who could help with listening to children read and helping to change their reading books. If you feel you have any time to donate, and would like to help, please speak to Mrs Harford-Smyth or email her on kharford-smyth@ridgeway.derby.sch.uk. Many thanks in advance for supporting us.
- Our school librarian, Miss Baldwin, would like to remind everyone that the library is open Mon-Thu from around 3.30pm. Please wait outside the Class 5 door on the main playground for entry. As Miss Baldwin teaches in class every day, please bear with her if she has not just made it at 3.30!

Coming Up Next Week:

- Halloween Discos for those with tickets will take place on Thursday 24th October.
For Reception children (Class 1,2,3), please bring children to their classrooms for a 4.30 start and collect children from their classrooms at 5.15pm.
For Key Stage 1 children (Classes 4-9), please bring children to their usual entry door for a 5.30 start. Please come to the main school entrance to collect at 6.30pm. We will ask parents/carers to come into the hall, collect their children and then exit via the door by Class 6 & 7 on to the main playground and out through the jitty gate. This 'one-way' system will hopefully ensure we can get everyone collected and on their way home smoothly and safely.
- Our annual Macmillan Tea & Toast Coffee morning will take place on Friday 25th October. Please join us for breakfast where the usual tea/coffee/juice/toast will be available along with an additional cake sale. All proceeds raised from the cake sale will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support – a very worthy charity that do excellent work. Please come along and support us if you can. If there are any cakes left over from the morning, we will be selling them after school on the main playground.
- School closes on Friday 25th for half term. A reminder that school is also closed on Monday 4th Nov for INSET and will reopen to children on Tuesday 5th November.

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Tue 12 th Nov & Thu 14 th Nov	Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings
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A full list of dates can be found on the website

Come and Read!

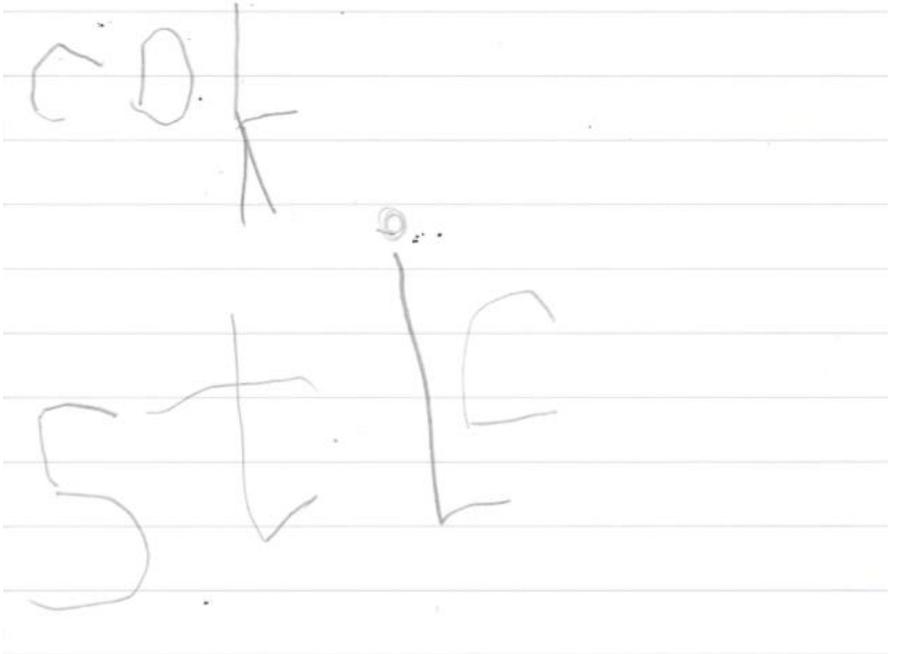
Parents and carers are invited in to classes on Friday 25th at 2.30-3.00pm to read with their children and listen to a story together. 😊
Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate younger siblings.

Writing Showcase

This week's amazing writing is by Zayna in Class 1.

The children have been looking around outside for signs of Autumn this week. Zayna has written that she has seen a 'conker' and a 'stick' during her learning time. Zayna has decided what she wants to write, she has identified some of the sounds she can hear in those words and then then written those sounds down in order - such a lot of thinking for our children who are learning how to write. Well done Zayna! I was very impressed with

your writing this week! 😊



BOOK LOOK!

This week Miss Richards has chosen **There's a Monster in Your Book**, by Tom Fletcher and Greg Abbott for our weekly Book Look.

This is a fantastic book by a popular children's author. It is a very interactive book – not your typical story! In this book there is a monster trapped inside the book eating the pages and causing trouble. The reader has to try to get him out by shaking, tilting and turning the book. It's lots of fun and very interactive!

The children in Miss Richards' phonics group loved this book and wanted her to read it again and again – the sign of a good book! They enjoyed tickling the pages, calling for the monster and blowing him away and of course, the lovely happy ending.

From Miss Richards (Class 4) 😊

